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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenji NISHI

Appln. No.: 08/994,758

Group Art Unit: 2851

Filed: December 19, 1997

Examiner: A. Mathews

For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel Claims 40, 44, 46, 47, 56-67, 71, 75, 77, 78, 85-95, 100, 104, 106, 107, 116-127, 150, 155, 164, 167, and 172-178 without prejudice.~~

REMARKS

Without acceding to the basis of the multiplicity rejection, Applicant has reduced the number of claims to 123 and has reduced the number of independent claims to 25.

A Supplemental Amendment will be filed shortly adding two dependent claims (bringing the total to 125) and